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Education Update for Orange County's Private Schools

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Resources for Private Schools

Dear school administrators, faculty, staff, parents and students:

As we enter the home stretch of the 1999-2000 school year, I know that plans for next year are well underway. During my visits to local schools, educators often express their frustration with a lack of resources. I am always impressed by the way that schools turn limited funds into quality programs.

You may be aware of some federal education resources that might be of service to you in your work. As your Congresswoman and our county's sole representative on the Education and the Workforce Committee, I am happy to provide this information. You may wish to explore the following resources:

- ◆ The U.S. Department of Education publishes a handbook called "Serving Private School Students With Federal Education Programs," available by calling (800) USA-LEARN and on the Internet at <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OIIA/NonPublic>. (Click on "Publications.")
- ◆ Other federal publications (available at <http://www.ed.gov>) cover topics ranging from financial aid and college planning to school safety and parental involvement. The site also contains the nation's latest research and statistics on education, and a very popular series for parents.
- ◆ The free educational resources found at <http://www.ed.gov/free> include ways to use the Internet as a tool for teaching and learning, with over 30 federal agencies participating.
- ◆ The e-rate: Nonprofit private schools can obtain discounted telecommunications services to help connect more computers to the Internet at a lower cost. For more information about the educational rate, go to <http://www.sl.universalservice.org>. Many administrators find the Frequently Asked Questions especially helpful.

I have been privileged to meet with so many local school officials, teachers and students during my service in Congress, and look forward to continuing my school visits and our work together. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of service to you.

Very truly yours,

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